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Indian Standard

METHODS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF **ALUMINO SILICATE REFRACTORY MATERIALS**

PART 5 DETERMINATION OF TITANIUM

- 1. Scope This standard (Part 5) covers a method for determination of titanium (as TiO₂) in alumino silicate refractory materials.
- 2. Determination of Titanium by Spectrophotometric Method
- 2.1 Outline of the Method An aliquot of the main solution is treated with hydrogen peroxide. The yellow colour produced is measured in spectrophotometer. Amount of titania is evaluated from the calibration curve obtained under similar conditions.

2.2 Reagents

- **2.2.1** Dilute phosphoric acid -1:3(v/v).
- 2.2.2 Hydrogen peroxide 20 percent by volume.
- 2.2.3 Standard titania solution (1 ml = 1 mg of TiO_2) Dissolve 0.5 g of calcined titania in concentrated hydrofluoric acid in a platinum dish. Then, add carefully 25 ml of concentrated sulphuric acid and heat to strong fumes to remove fluoride. Cool, dilute with water stirring continuously and make up to 500 ml in a volumetric flask.

2.3 Procedure

- 2.3.1 Transfer two 25-ml aliquots of the main solution [see 2.3.3 of IS: 12107 (Part 2)-1987] to two 100-ml volumetric flasks A and B. Add 10 ml of dilute phosphoric acid to each flask. To flask A, add 10 ml of hydrogen peroxide. Make up to the volume in both the flasks. Measure the absorbance of solution A against solution B at 410 nm.
- 2.3.2 Calibration curve Draw a calibration curve by taking 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 ml of standard titania solution (1 ml = 1 mg TiO₂) into six 100-ml volumetric flasks. Proceed in accordance with 2.3.1 (without the sample aliquot) and measure the absorbance of the solutions against solution B. Plot the absorbance values against mg of TiO₂/100 ml of the solution.
- 2.4 Calculation Convert the photometric readings of the sample to mg of TiO₂ by means of calibration curve and calculate TiO₂ content as follows:

Titanium (as TiO₂), percent =
$$\frac{C}{D} \times \frac{1}{10}$$

where

- $C = \text{mass in mg of titania (TiO₂) found in 25 ml aliquot of the solution, and$
- D = mass in g of the sample represented by the aliquot taken.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Alumino silicate refractory materials contain alumina (Al_2O_3) and (SiO_2) in varying portions made synthetically by heating aluminium trifluoride at 1 000-1 200°C with silica and water vapour.

It is used in kilns, ladles and furnaces that operate at higher temperature or under conditions for which fireclay refractories are not suitable.

This Indian Standard has been prepared in different parts to cover the chemical analysis of various constituents in alumino silicate refractory materials. The other parts of the standard are:

- Part 1 Determination of loss on ignition
- Part 2 Determination of silica
- Part 3 Determination of aluminium
- Part A Determination of phosphorus
- Part 6 Determination of iron
- Part 7 Determination of manganese
- Part 8 Determination of calcium and magnesium
- Part 9 Determination of sodium and potassium